



**HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING May 28, 2014 MINUTES**

The Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday May 28, 2014 at the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center, Room 201 600 River Street in Austin, Texas.

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Frank Rodriguez, Alicia Del Rio, , Yolanda Padilla, Diego Martinez-Moncada, Emilio Zamora and Martha Cotera

Staff in Attendance: Ray Baray, Assistant to the City Manager  
Jason Garza, Assistant to the Assistant City Manager

1. Approval of Minutes

The Commission made a slight revision and approved the minutes from April 23, 2014 unanimously.

2. Citizens Communication

The following citizens signed up for citizen communication:

- Jill Ramirez – Health and healthcare
- Cynthia Valdez – general
- Susana Almanza - general

3. Discussion and possible action to provide budget priority recommendations from the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life report to the Austin City Council to consider for inclusion in the FY 2014-2015 budget.

Chair Rodriguez suggested that the Commission call a special called meeting in order to fully discuss this item. It was suggested that a special called meeting be scheduled for June 11 and be used solely to have discussion and possible action on budget priority recommendations to the City Council for inclusion in this upcoming budget. It was requested that someone be able to speak on the overall budget and the Health and Human Services budget. Commissioners were asked to study the spreadsheet and to ensure that they look at both fiscal years to ensure that sound recommendations are made. There was consensus among the Commissioners to have a special called meeting devoted to the budget recommendation discussion.

4. Discussion and possible action on amendments to the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Advisory Commission bylaws

The Commission discussed what changes would be made to the current bylaws. After some discussion with staff, it was recommended that the following changes be recommended to the Audit and Finance for consideration:

- In Article 7, Section E, have it read: A board may call a meeting in addition to its regular scheduled meetings as identified in its adopted meeting schedule.
- In Article 8, Working Groups, Section E have it read: (E) Working groups are required to post their meetings in accordance with the Texas Government Code Chapter 551 (Texas Open Meetings Act).
- In Article 8, Working Groups, add the following section and statement; (F) A working group consists of only members of the commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Del Rio and seconded by Commissioner Cotera. The motion was approved unanimously, 6-0.

5. Discussion and possible action on conducting a commission meeting outside the Commission's normal meeting schedule.

Discussion to this item occurred along with item #4 regarding changes to the bylaws. The motion to include this with the previous motion was made by Commissioner Cotera and seconded by Vice Chair Martinez-Moncada. The motion was approved unanimously, 6-0.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the Boards and Commissions Transition Task Force recommendations - Juan Oyervides, Chair, Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center Advisory Board.

Juan Oyervides gave an overview and background on the recent recommendations of the Boards and Commission Transition Task Force, specifically the recommendation to merge the Commission with the MACC Board. Mr. Oyervides stated that there needs to be open communication between both boards moving forward. Staff was requested to email a copy of the report and recommendations to the Commission. Discussion continued on the proposed recommendation. Commissioner Zamora suggested that the Chairs of both bodies meet once a month to discuss issues that each board is tackling to see if it is something that needs to be brought to either body's attention. Commission members with familiarity with this process also contributed to the discussion of how these recommendations were made. Commissioner Cotera suggested that a formal response be made from the Commission to address the recommendations made by the task force. It was also suggested to invite Victor Martinez, Chair of the Task Force, to the next scheduled meeting. Mr. Oyervides also invited the Commission that if they ever wanted to come to a MACC board meeting and participate, then they are free to do so. Mr. Oyervides also invited the Commission to meet at the ESBMACC when they can.

7. Discussion and possible action on meeting times and locations for future meetings.

Vice-Chair Martinez-Moncada kicked off the discussion to state that it would be good for Commission meetings to occur out in the community. This can occur once budget recommendations have been given to Council. Mr. Oyervides also provided some specific rooms to target for possible meetings at the ESBMACC. When a meeting in the community is scheduled, need to make sure we get the word out so that members of the community are aware and have the opportunity to attend. It was also suggested that when a district is targeted, ensure that the agenda for that meeting has items that are of interest to that community.

8. Adjourn

The Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

